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CONGO, CUBA CRISES POSE NEW WAR THREATS TO NERVOUS WORLD

A world kept constantly on the griddle of nuclear nervousness this month ound itself confronted with two more "hot spots" in the swiftly changing crisis the Congo and the slower but no less ominous developments in Cuba. Both ere freely acknowledged by political experts to contain the seeds of world war; oth illustrated again the extent to which the cold war permeates every part of e globe. (Both also demonstrate again how insecure a protection against war is e policy of nuclear deterrence. Neiher our poised missiles nor our H-omb loaded SAC planes have had any oticeable quieting influence on either ituation, but simply underline the poential catastrophe that inhabits even e most limited controversy.)

The handling of the Congo situaion by Secretary General Dag Hamarskjold has so far been admirable, nd is the principal ray of hope disernible. The United States thus far as acted responsibly; the Soviet Union as recklessly stirred up the already roubled waters in an obvious attempt o gain political advantage for itself in frica and sympathetic Asia.

In so complex and rapidly changing situation it is impossible to give an dequate total picture of the rights and rongs in the Congo. Some points do tand out, however, and should be ept in mind when reading news from is area of the world.

First, the Belgians made almost no rovision for preparing the Congolese o take over the government. Only seven f the country's 14 million people have ad university educations; the 27-year-ld Congolese representative to the JN pointed out that he had been the irst to be allowed to leave the coun-ry for such education.

Second, the seceding province of Katanga is the richest section of the Congo, accounts for 60 percent of its xperts, two-thirds of its electric ower, and more than half its governent revenues, though with only slightly more than one-tenth its population. Half of Belgium's Congo investments are in Katanga, and Premier Moise Tshombe is known as wealthy, conservative and pro-Belgian.

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Comment on Cuba

"...Though not many Americans...would dare to be ruled by Fidel Castro, he still does not seem like some simple tool of communism, daft or deluded. He is a politician sui generis. *It is difficult to imagine him, bearded, gesticulatory, not unlovable, faintly dotty, among the annual assembly of steely commissars at Lenin's tomb in Moscow.*

"...The junta that rules this island feels less like a ruthless Communist machine than some zany undergraduate Socialist society, impelled by misty and ill-formulated dogmas, driven helter-skelter from position to position, influenced by successive undesirable acquaintances...

"This is perhaps the unsightly birth of a Socialist society: it may be engulfed by communism or stifled by capitalism, but if it lives it will be socialism."

--James Morris, in New York Times Magazine, *August 7, 1960.*

(Mr. Morris' whole article is important and helpful reading. --Ed.)

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Third, Belgium had 2,000 troops in the Congo at the time of independance, which it increased to 10,000 when the disorders began. Under UN instructions, Belgium had removed most of its troops from five of Congo's six provinces by the end of the first week in August, but this still left 8,500, most of them in Katanga. The Belgians insist vehemently that they are prepared to withdraw completely as soon as UN troops take over, and that they have no wish to retain political or economic control over their former colony. On the other hand, it is understandable that the charge has been made that Belgian troops must have been involved in preventing UN forces from entering Katanga, and that Belgian motives are hence open to suspicion.

West Coast Conferences Draw Good Attendance

The FOR national conference, varying in form from year to year, this year occurred as a three-part affair, with sessions in Seattle, Wash., and Berkeley and Los Angeles, California. Both attendance and spirit were good at all three, with an encouraging number of non-pacifists participating.

About 200 attended the four-day session at Seabeck Christian Conference Grounds near Seattle starting July 1, representing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. Speakers included Executive Secretary Alfred Hassler and Associate Secretary Glenn Smiley of the national office, architect Stanley Shaw of Seattle, the Rev. Mack Caldwell of Portland, Ore., and the Rev. Lawrence Monk, of Salem, Ore. Rev. Robert Shaw of Seattle presided.

A feature of the Berkeley conference, held the following weekend at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, was a "debate" between Al Hassler and Dr. Robert Fitch, dean of the Pacific School of Religion. Discussions of nonviolence in the race situation and of peace action in the community were led by Glenn Smiley, and Anton Nelson, recently returned from Tanganyika, spoke of his work there. Rev. Douglas Hayward, chairman of the Metropolitan Bay FOR, and national vice-chairman Robert Moon, alternated in presiding.

Close to 150 registered for the Los Angeles conference, held at the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church July 16 and 17. Program was similar to that of preceding conferences, except for the final session, when a discussion on the economic consequences of disarmament was co-sponsored by the church and drew about 300. Participating in the discussion were Dr. Theodore Anderson, economic adviser to the governor of California, and FOR member Rep. Byron Johnson of Colorado. Al Hassler presided at this meeting, while regional chairman Charles Mackintosh chaired other sessions.

Nominations Due for National Council

Nine vacancies for "members at large" of the FOR National Council will be filled when the membership receives its ballot later this year. Nominations for the posts, which run for three years, may be made in either of two ways: at the national conference(s) or by any five members, in writing. Nominations must be in to the national office, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y., by no later than October 15. The following are those whose terms of office expire this year: M. Forest Ashbrook, James S. Best, Corinne Bowers, VanCleve Johnson, Dale Landis, Alberta Lunger, Emily Parker Simon and William Tilenius.

NEWS from the peace front

Three thousand people, many of them families and youths, participated in a "Walk for Disarmament" in Los Angeles, Calif., last month. Also, several marchers, including former FOR Youth Secretary, Curtiss Moody, and FOR member Peter Charlton, were interviewed and quoted by a local TV commentator-columnist.

Also, in New York City, over 2,500 people joined in a march commemorating Hiroshima Day (Aug. 6). The march ended with a rally at the UN.

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The incidence of cancer among citizens of Hiroshima who were closest to the 1945 Atom-bomb explosion has been four times as great as in the unexposed section of the city's population according to a report published in the May 29 *London Observer*. The report also indicated that those who survived radiation exposure incurred a greatly enhanced risk of malignant diseases other than leukemia.

In Nagasaki, which was A-bombed a week after Hiroshima, twenty people died during the first half of this year, as a result of lingering atomic diseases.

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A petition urging "the immediate release" of Dr. Willard Uphaus was sent to New Hampshire authorities last month by the New Hampshire Council of Churches. The petition noted that Uphaus had already served longer than others who have been imprisoned elsewhere under similar circumstances.

FOR member Uphaus, who has now served seven months of a one-year sentence, was committed to jail because of his refusal to submit to the state attorney general names of guests staying at World Fellowship, a summer resort at Conway, N.H., of which he is executive director.

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A total of 178 University of Pennsylvania faculty members issued a resolution last month denouncing the "harassment" of Dr. Linus Pauling by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. The message, condemning an apparent attempt "to stifle honest dissident opinion," backed the Nobel Prize-winning chemist in his refusal to give the subcommittee names of scientists who aided him in his campaign against nuclear weapons tests.

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A law ending racial discrimination in Northern Rhodesia was passed by the country's Legislative Council meeting in Lusaka last month. Considered a "legal milestone" in that part of the world, the law carries "stiff penalties" and is scheduled to become effective in September.

The Council acted after the failure of efforts to bring an end to discrimination voluntarily. The freedom movement in Northern Rhodesia has been strongly influenced by Christian nonviolence. One of its leaders, Kenneth Kaunda, is preparing an abridged edition of Richard Gregg's book, *The Power of Nonviolence* to be published there by the United Society for Christian Literature.

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Small groups of Negro college students visited white Protestant churches in Atlanta, Ga. on Aug. 7 in an apparent attempt to speed church integration. Most of the students were accorded a "warm reception by clergy and laymen" and no major incidents were reported.

The "kneel-in" campaign was initiated by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee headed by FOR member Martin Luther King Jr.

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FOR member William K. Hefner of Shelburne, Mass. will seek the Democratic nomination as Representative in Congress from the first Congressional District in September. He is running as a "Peace Candidate" and favors "Beating atomic bombs into electric plants."

Also, FOR member Byron L. Johnson (D.-Colo.) will campaign for reelection to Congress this year. During his past two years in office, Johnson opposed greater military appropriations,

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urged increased UN support, and helped introduce resolutions challenging nuclear weapons giveaway. His wife, Catherine, is on the FOR Executive Committee and the National Council.

LIT NOTES

Martin Luther King's important book, *Stride Toward Freedom,* has been published in a paperback edition at 50¢ a copy. Both this and the $2.95 cloth-bound edition may be ordered postpaid from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Who Chooses the People You Know? by William Peters tells how our choice of friends and neighbors is limited by employers, country-club officials and real estate agents who enforce unwritten rules against Negroes, Jews and other minority groups. This 4-page reprint from *Redbook* attacks a familiar problem in a novel way. It may be ordered from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y., at 5¢ a copy.

MISSING MEMBERS

If you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members, please advise the Membership Secretary, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Here are the names, with last-known addresses for each: Rev. Henry Alloway (Dallas, Texas); Leo Ames (Moscow, Idaho); Bernice M. Amster (Chicago, Ill.); Alfred F. Andersen (Richmond, Cal.); C. Dayton Anderson (Northfield, Minn.); Mr. & Mrs. Dole Anderson Jr. (Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil); Edith Anderson (Pasadena, Cal.); Rev. Robert Grant Anderson (Topeka, Kan.); Mr. and Mrs. L. Aumund Andre (Chicago, Ill.); Mr. and Mrs. Bent Andressen, Gardenville, Penna.); Rev. Dudley P. Andrews; John H. Angel (Watsonville, Cal.); Mrs. John V. Apthorp (Carmel, Cal.); Lincoln Armstrong; Margaret L. Arnott.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 20. Picnic for central New Jersey FOR members at the Baptist Conference Center near Lebanon, N.J. Write: H. D. Frost, 222 Main St., S. Bound Brook, N. J.

Aug. 20--Sept. 4. Peacemakers Conference, "Training in Nonviolence" in New London, Conn. Faculty: Richard Gregg, Maurice McCrackin, David Dellinger, Fred Shuttlesworth, others. Write: Gladney Oakley, 278 West Baltimore Ave., Lansdowne, Penna.

Aug. 27--Sept. 2. AFSC Family Institute at Camp Union, Greenfield, N. H. Write: 130 Brattle St., Cambridge 38, Mass.

Aug. 31--Sept. 1. Martin Luther King Jr., speaker at Congress of Racial Equality Interracial Action Institute, Miami, Fla. Write: CORE, 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y.

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